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E Lancs cheers on our Olympic goal-den girl

Pub boss brother leads support for keeper Rachel

Olympic women's football hopeful Rachel Brown will be cheered on by family and friends when she becomes the first East Lancashire competitor in the London 2012 Games.

Brother Nicholas, 41, who runs the Hapton Inn, Hapton, will be decking out the pub with Union Jack flags, and showing as many of his younger sister's matches on the big screen as possible. He is also encouraging his regulars, and the wider public, to get behind the games and support local athletes.

If selected, Rachel, 32, will play her first game today when Great Britain take on New Zealand at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium in their first group match at 4pm, shown on BBC.

He said: "We have been sent Union Jack flags from the brewery which we'll be putting up and we have the big screen up ready. We will be showing any of her games that are on television."

He said Burnley goalkeeper Rachel, a medal winning hopeful, is very excited and nervous about competing in front of a worldwide audience. He said: "She has been posting pictures of herself in her official kit on Facebook. I think the team stands as good a chance as anyone else."

He said Rachel, who is nine years younger than him, started playing football at St Stephen's Primary School, Burnley, where she used to have a kick about with the boys.

He said: "Girls weren't allowed to play at the time, but the teachers let her because they saw potential."

She went on to Bank Hall Miners, Accrington Stanley women's team, then Liverpool, and later Everton. "I hope she gets out on to the pitch," he added.

Competing in the Olympics was not something the football star ever thought possible. Women's football was not even an Olympic sport when the goalkeeper was a youngster.

But, with Rachel herself acknowledging she is coming to the latter stages of her career, London 2012 arrived just in time. Hosting the Olympics led to the formation of a GB women's team for the first time, and Rachel was one of 18 players selected. Team GB will play Cameroon, also in Cardiff, on July 28, and Brazil on July 31. That final fixture could be her first appearance at Wembley.

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All the latest Olympic news from the London 2012 games

ON THE BALL: Rachel Brown and her proud brother Nicholas

Nurse owes life to hospital colleagues

Nurse Tammy Neal, 33, from Oswaldtwistle, has paid tribute to the colleagues who saved her life after she suffered a cardiac arrest while working a night shift.

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DIANA IN PROMS DATE

East Lancashire singing star Diana Vickers is the latest act confirmed for this year's Lytham Proms weekend, which runs from August 3 to 5.

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Memorial award

A trophy and shield in memory of cancer battler Madison Allan have been presented to 11-year-old Zaid Punekar, her most determined school friend at Lower Darwen Primary School.

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University honour for Academy man

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End of era at former school

The end of the school year saw the end of teaching at Holden Fold, the former site of Darwen Moorland High School.

The site was home to Darwen Vale for two years while the Earcroft site was renovated.

Shoe boxes full

Young Rotarians have filled 100 shoe boxes to help a group's overseas humanitarian efforts. Accrington Rotary Club's Youth Chapter, the Spring Hill Mini Wheelers or Rotakids, have filled the shoe boxes for the club to be sent abroad in aid of the club's international charities.

Nurse thanks staff for saving her life

By VANESSA CORNALL

A nurse has paid tribute to the colleagues who saved her life after she suffered a cardiac arrest while at work.

Tammy Neal, 33, collapsed while working a night shift at The Royal Bolton Hospital.

But Mrs Neal. from Rhoden Road, Oswaldtwistle, was in the right place at the right time as quick-thinking colleagues rushed to give her life-saving resuscitation treatment.

Three staff nurses, as well as doctors and nurse practitioners, worked frantically to save her life.

Mrs Neal, who is married and mum to a six-year-old girl, had a heart and liver transplant in 1996, followed by another liver transplant in 2010.

She said: "Saying thank-you is never going to be nearly enough. It's been really emotional because I realise just how close I was to death.

"The shift started all fine. I was in the side ward at the time doing a job, but then I felt a bit dizzy.

"Then I felt faint and that's the last thing I remember. I actually woke up and I was still on the floor of the side ward. They then moved me straight to the coronary care unit."

Mrs Neal was transferred to Newcastle, where her transplants had previously been carried out. Doctors ran several tests, but were unable to find a reason for her cardiac arrest earlier this month.

Chief nurse Dee Sissons said: "We are delighted and proud that we were able to come to the aid of one of our staff.

"We are happy to hear that she is recovering and send her our best wishes."

Tammy, who has been a qualified nurse for 11 years, said: "I want to say a massive thank-you to the team who saved my life, including Sandra Nutter, Katie Daquioag and Shine Siju, along with all the doctors and nurse practitioners."

Dr Kevin Jones, who works with Mrs Neal, said Mrs Neal's situation was indicative of the dedication of NHS and Royal Bolton Hospital staff.

He said: "We love what we do and will always go the extra mile.

"To think that Tammy would continue to work as a nurse despite her health problems, even to the stage where she should have a cardiac arrest, is astounding and humbling."

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TROPHY: Zaid Punekar and, right, Madison who died at Christmas

Memorial prize for Maddi's pal

A trophy and shield in memory of cancer battler Madison Allan have been presented to her most determined school friend.

Teachers at Lower Darwen Primary decided to commission the award, which bears a butterfly design drawn by Madison, to be presented at the end-of-term assembly.

The winner was 11-year-old Zaid Punekar, chosen because he continued his school work and activities without complaining, despite a hospital stay.

Maddi's mum, Samantha, 36, said: "It was such a lovely thing for the school to do, and it was especially nice to see it handed out for the first time. I was very emotional and was asked to help present the award, but I couldn't do it. It was hard enough keeping myself together as it was.

"Zaid has not complained, just like Maddi. He has been pushing on and determined to do well. It was nice to see that Maddi's name will be kept alive for some time.

"It was also very sweet to see two girls set up a nail bar to raise money for Maddi's Butterflies, which ran all day. Then, just as we were going, a Year Six boy gave us a card with a cheque in it for £100 for the charity. He said it was left over money from the Year Six leaving do, and they wanted us to have it. It's so sweet tthese children want to help in this way."

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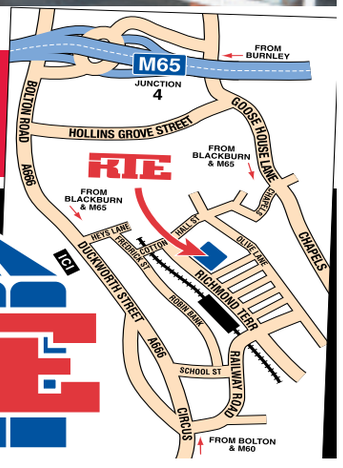

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Work to prevent floods

By DAN CLOUGH

DIGGING DEEP: Darwen MP Jake Berry and Coun Paul Browne watch as a mini-dumper truck is lowered into the ground

Mini-dumper trucks are operating beneath a Darwen Road to clear out blocked culverts that caused devastating floods in the town.

There is a network of culverts built about 100 years ago to carry water from the River Darwen.

But a blockage led to a huge build-up of water during last month's downpours, resulting in floods along the A666.

Now the Environment Agency has dug a nine-metre-square hole in Snape Street to removed debris that caused the blockage. Work is expected to last between eight and 12 weeks, with about 2,000 tonnes of waste material to be removed.

The dumpers, driven by workers wearing breathing apparatus, will collect debris which is then scooped out by a digger and put into skips.

The work is expected to cost at least £450,000, taking the agency's recent expenditure, including work to remove the culvert at Shorey Bank, in the town to about £1.6million.

Work in the culvert will also include a plastic lining to stop water seeping through to the road surface in future.

Once the culvert is cleared, the agency will repair the damaged pavement in front of shops between Preston Street and Lloyd Street.

Darwen MP Jake Berry said: "It is fantastic we have managed to get such a big grant to do this work to the River Darwen."

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¼ E Lancs police on 'flexi time'

Area has highest rate of variable hours in county

By VANESSA CORNALL

Around 14per cent of all police officers in East Lancashire work flexible hours, including child-friendly hours, it has been revealed.

A total of 134 police officers working in both Eastern and Pennine divisions of Lancashire Constabulary currently have flexible work arrangements in place.

A Freedom of Information request, submitted by our sister newspaper, the Lancashire Telegraph, found East Lancashire has the highest rate of flexible working in Lancashire, almost doubling the number of officers working child-friendly hours in neighbouring divisions.

Of the 502 officers working in Eastern division, which covers Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley, 48 female officers and 12 male officers work hours around their home life.

In Pennine division, which covers Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale, the breakdown is 54 female officers and 20 male officers – 15per cent of the 490 officer employees who patrol the beat. Flexible work can involve reduced hours and varied shift rotas. A Lancashire Police spokesman said: "As a good employer, flexible working is a practical consideration for a successful employment relationship."

Neighbouring Central division, which covers the Preston area, has just 26 officers taking advantage of the force's flexible working policy.

The flexible working policy is also offered to police support staff.

In East Lancashire, 73 members of police staff, made up of 55 females and 18 men, also work flexible hours.

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Hitching a ride around galaxy

Author Neil Gaiman takes to the stage as the voice of the Guide in Douglas Adams's Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy Radio Show Live in Edinburgh this month. He talks about all things Adams.

60 SECONDS WITH ... NEIL GAIMAN

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO VOICING THE GUIDE?

Very, very, very much. I'm looking forward to it incredibly. I was thrilled when I was asked – it's definitely one of those things where you think, 'If I could go back in time and tell myself about it, I would be so ridiculously thrilled'.

HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?

I suppose partly it came about because, back in 1986, I wrote the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy companion, Don't Panic! So I interviewed Douglas a couple of times, and at that point everything got really, really cool. I'd sort of become part of the Hitchhiker's family.

WHAT CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT FROM THE SHOW?

I don't know! I know as much as you, because the best I've got is looking at the online reviews - and everybody on the online reviews is being incredibly cagey. They're saying, 'Oh my God, Marvin – it's amazing how they do Marvin!' And I'm like, 'It doesn't say in the script how they're going to do Marvin!' So I'm looking forward to this as much as a voyage of discovery.

WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY?

I heard the very first incarnation, which was radio. I had turned on while it was in progress, so I had no idea what it was, but I was transfixed. From the moment that Ford informed Arthur that he was turning into an infinite number of penguins, I decided that whatever I had been listening to was absolutely amazing.

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Get ready for prom

Diana Vickers is the latest act confirmed for this year's Lytham Proms weekend.

The Blackburn-born singer-songwriter will join fellow X Factor graduate and chart topper Olly Murs on the bill for the Sunday, August 5, closing gig of the proms.

Vickers, a 2008 contestant in the ITV talent show, this week played a headline gig at Manchester's Deaf Institute and has been joining Murs for his summer gigs across the country.

Opening the three-day event on Friday, August 3, will be DJ Pat Sharpe, and a host of 1980s stars, including Rick Astley, Belinda Carlisle, and Bananarama, with local lad-turned-opera singer Alfie Boe taking to the stage on Saturday, August 4, with a Last Night Of The Proms concert.

Tickets for Lytham Proms are available from www.ticketline.co.uk or by calling 0844 888 991.

LYTHAM DATE: Diana Vickers

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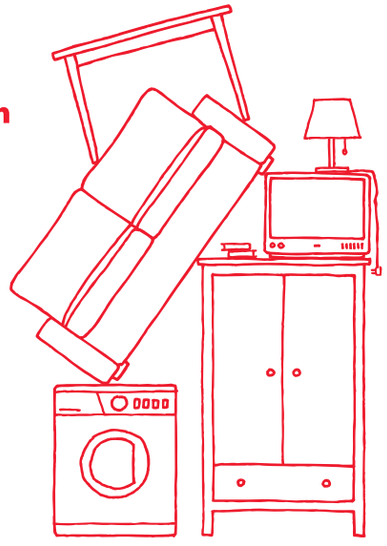

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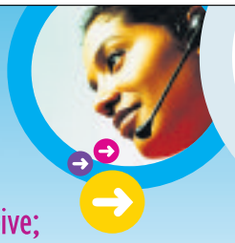

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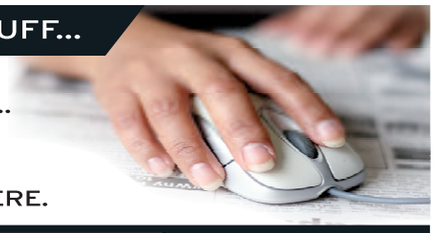

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